

Yes I Can

Changing the name of DMR Department of Mental Retardation

My name is Chelsea Lodge. I was born with disabilities and I am a client of the DMR. I can do many things that other people do, and I do the best I can. I think they should change the name of the DMR because being called mentally retarded makes me feel that I am not as good as other people.

I work and I do my jobs well. I was trained to do my work just like people without disabilities. I don't want to be referred to as mentally retarded because it sounds like I am a lower class person. I get upset about this.

When people hear that

someone is retarded they
thing they are odd or
something.

I am a person with dis-
abilities and I am as
good as anyone else and

I am good at what I do.

BI don't think I am "retarded"